

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Xu *et al.*

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For: Methods For Producing Potato Products

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 9, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, 26-34, and 36-38 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-4" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-5" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-5" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-7" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-9" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-10" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-11" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-13" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-15" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-16" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-16" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 22 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-16" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 25 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-24" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 35 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-34" and insert --claim 1--.

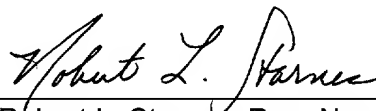
Please amend claim 39 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-38" and insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted to cancel claims and correct improper multiple dependent claims. Since only claims are cancelled and dependencies are altered, there is no new matter added, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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